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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Report by Interdepartmental Committee  
on Internal Security

1. It is requested that the DCI sign the attached letter to Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security.

2. The letter refers to a report by the ICIS dated 10 March 1959 concerning "The Status and Disposition to be Made, in the Event of a War-Related Emergency, of Merchant Vessels or Civil Aircraft and Persons Thereon Within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the United States Actually or Potentially Dangerous to the Internal Security of the United States." The ICIS report was concerned in detail with the domestic aspects of the problem. A single paragraph of the report recommended alerting of all U.S. intelligence agencies to the needs of U.S. domestic action agencies for information regarding activity falling within the purview of the paper. Pursuant to the recommendation Mr. Yeagley forwarded a copy of the report to the Director for information and whatever action was deemed necessary.

3. CI Staff will prepare an appropriate dissemination for operational personnel abroad and at Headquarters directing attention to the urgent need by the action agencies for prompt information of the type discussed in the Committee's report.



James Angleton

Chief Counter Intelligence Staff

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Attachment: a/s

cc: DDCI

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley  
Chairman  
Interdepartmental Committee  
on Internal Security  
Room 3529, Dept. of Justice Bldg.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yeagley:

We have reviewed the Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, dated 10 March 1959, "Concerning the Status and Disposition to be Made in the Event of a War-Related Emergency of Merchant Vessels and Civil Aircraft and Persons Thereon Within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the U.S. Actually or Potentially Dangerous to the Internal Security of the United States," and have noted the recommendation in paragraph 31.

CIA has a current and continuing requirement to furnish to the appropriate action agencies any and all information that affects the internal security of the United States. This is designated by CIA regulation as our top priority counterintelligence responsibility abroad, and we are aware of the urgent need by the action agencies for prompt information regarding individuals, foreign merchant vessels or civil aircraft actually or potentially dangerous to the internal security of the United States.

In connection with the recommendation in paragraph 31, I want to advise you that we are directing the attention of our personnel abroad and here in Washington to the urgent need by the action agencies for prompt information of the type discussed in the Committee's report.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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